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Walter Paszkowski, County Economic Development Officer Retiring

After 11 years working as the Economic Development Officer for the County of Grande Prairie, Walter Paszkowski will be retiring on April 30th.

The County will be hosting an Open House on Wednesday, May 1st between 1:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the County Administration Building to celebrate Walter's accomplishments and long, rewarding career; and wish him the best during his well-deserved retirement. The public is welcome to attend.

"It has been a pleasure and a privilege to have worked with someone of the caliber and foresight as Walter Paszkowski," says John Simpson, County Planning and Development Services Director. "The vision, wisdom and energy Walter's brought to the County has been outstanding. We have so much to thank him for."

The Philip J Dinosaur Museum; multi-modal logistics site; development of regional water systems; Canada-Mexico trade corridor; and improvements to the agricultural industry are just a few of the many examples of Walter's big picture thinking that has helped the County prosper and will ensure its future success.

Prior to his tenure at the County, Walter – Alberta Order of Excellence Inductee and Queen Diamond II Jubilee Medal recipient – worked as a canola farmer, served as mayor and councillor for the Town of Sexsmith; PC MLA for Grande Prairie-Smoky and Provincial Minister; and director, chair, founder, and member on numerous agriculture boards, associations, and community organizations.

"I've enjoyed the last 11 years of my career days working for the County," says Walter Paszkowski. "I'll be spending a large portion of my retirement farming with my son on the canola farm; but, will continue to stay involved in the community and especially the Philip J Currie Museum project as it comes to life."

"Walter will be greatly missed here at the County; however, I'm sure it won't be too long before we are hearing about the great things he continues on doing for our community," says Bill Rogan, County Administrator."

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